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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE OPPOSITCON STATEMENT ON GVN AND PRG
NEGOTIATING STANDS

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1. THIRTY LOWER HOUSE DEPUTIES, THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
OPPOSITIONIST PEOPLES SOCIETY BLOC, HAVE SPOKEN OUT CONCERNING
THE GVN AND PRG APRIL 25 PROPOSALS. IN ALL, THERE ARE ONE HUNDRED
FIFTY NINE (159) MEMBERS OF THE LH. THE COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT
OF THE PS BLOC IS THAT THE GVN PROPOSAL REVERSES THE PRIORITIES
WRITTEN INTO THE PARIS ACCORD BY URGING EARLY ELECTIONS
WHILE DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 11, WHICH
GUARANTEED A BROAD RANGE OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS AND REJECTING
THE THIRD FORCE. THEY FIND THAT THE PRG DRAFT, WHICH CALLED
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FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 11, FOLLOWS THE PROVISIONS
OF THE ACCORD. IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE A CALL FOR NVA WITH-
DRAWAL AND RVNAF DEMOBILIZATION PRIOR TO A GENERAL ELECTION,
THE DEPUTIES OBSERVE THAT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE CAN BE

SUPPRESSED AND THE ELECTION RESULTS REJECTED BY EITHER SIDE
NOSO LONG AS THE ARMED FORCES REMAIN.

2. COMMENT: MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION BLOC HAVE OFTEN
STATED TO EMBOFFS THAT THE GVN MUST IMPLEMENT ARTICLA 11
IMMEDIATELY AS A PRECONDITION TO MEANINGFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITY
LEADING TO AN EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE' S WILL THROUGH
GENERAL ELECTIONS, BUT IT IS REMARKABLE THAT THE PS BLOC
MEMBERS, EVEN WITH THEIR LEGISLATIVE IMMUNITY, WOULD EXPLICITLY
COMPARE THE PRG POSITION FAVORABLY WITH THAT OF THE GVN. IT
IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT THEY REFER TO THE " PROVISIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET- NAM", A FORMULATION
AVOIDED IN RVN CIRCLES.

3. THE STATEMENT DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS THE POSITION TAKEN IN
A MAY 2 COMMENTARY BROADCAST ON GVN RADIO SAIGON WHICH
ASSERTED THAT " NO SEGMENT CAN BE CALLED THE THIRD SEGMENT IN
THE SOUTH... IN THE SOUTH THERE ARE ONLY THE AGGRESSIVE
COMMUNIST SEGMENT AND THE NATIONALIST SEGMENT WHICH IS
FIGHTING AGAINST AGRESSION" (FBIS S030725). THE OPPOSITIONIST
DEPUTIES STATE THAT THE THIRD FORCE " IS A NECESSARY FACTOR
FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO CONFLICTING PARTIES". THE
STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN THE PRESS NOR HAS IT BEEN
THE SUBJECT OF COMMENT BY OFFPCIAL SPOKESMEN.

4. TEXT FOLLOWS:
DECLARATION #4 OF THE LOWER HOUSE PEOPLES SOCIETY BLOC
CONCERNING THE PROPOSALS PUT FORTH BY THE TWO SOUTH VIETNA-
MESE PARTIES IN PARIS ON APRIL 25, 1973.

WE DECLARE THAT:

A. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET- NAM HAS REVERSED
THE PROVISIONS STIPULATED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF JAN 27,
1973, TAKING THE GENERAL ELECTIONS AS THE MAJOR POINT.
-- IT HAS INDIRECTLY ACCEPTED THE ELECTION OF A CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE ON A NEW SYSTEM FOR SOUTH VIET- NAM' S
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FUTURE BUT IT ATTEMPTS TO EQUATE THE PEOPLE' S RIGHT OF SELF-
DETERMINATION TO AN ELECTION.
-- IT INTENDS TO DELAY TO THE MAXIMUM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE RIGHTS OF DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM AND CONTINUES TO REJECT THE
THIRD SEGMENT. THESE ARE BASIC FACTORS NECESSARY FOR NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD WHICH CAN ASSURE AN HONEST ELECTION.
-- ALL THE PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET- NAM WERE
INCLUDED IN AN URGENT TIMETABLE WHICH WAS UNREALISTIC AND OF
A PROPAGANDISTIC NATURE.

B. FOR ITS PART, THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT
OF SOUTH VIET- NAM FOLLOWED THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS

AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 27, 1973, ACCEPTING CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING THE PEOPLE' S RIGHT OF SELF- DETERMINATION. IT ACCEPTS THAT FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY MUST BE GRANTED TO THE PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THIS IS A NECESSARY CONDITION TO ASSURE HONEST ELECTIONS. AS TO THE PROPOSALS TO SOLVE THE MATTER OF THE ARMED FORCES AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION, IF THE ARMED FORCES REMAIN INTACT, THE TWO SIDES WILL BE ABLE TO USE PRESSURE AND MAKE THREATS, NOT ALLOWING THE PEOPLE TO VOICE THEIR TRUE DESIRE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO SIDES WILL NOT HONOR, OR WILL DESTROY THE OUTCOME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, IF THE RESULT DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THEIR WISHES.

THE PEOPLES SOCIETY BLOC:

1) NOTES THE SPIRIT OF REALISM OF THE TWO SIDES IN SOUTH VIET- NAM IN ACCEPTING CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PEOPLE' S RIGHT OF SELF- DETERMINATION.

2) DEMANDS THAT THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES URGENTLY IMPLEMENT THE RIGHTS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACCEPTED IN ARTICLE 11 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET- NAM IN ORDER TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR EMERGENCE OF A THIRD ELEMENT WITH ITS GENUINE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD. THIS ELEMENT IS A NECESSARY FACTOR FOR THE RECONCILIATION OF THE TWO CONFLICT- ING FORCES.

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